

~~60~~. (Amended) A process for producing a substantially completely biodegradable molded body useful for packaging comprising:

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- a. Preparing a viscous mixture of a biodegradable fiber material composed of fibers or fiber bundles having fiber lengths or fiber bundle lengths within the range of 0.24 to 4.32 mm, water and starch;
  - b. Introducing the thus prepared mixture into a mold having a desired shape for the molded body;
  - c. Heating the mixture in the mold for a time period and at a temperature sufficient to bake the mixture into a cohesive mass having the desired shape; and
  - d. Applying a biodegradable, hydrophobic, softener-free, liquid impenetrable boundary layer to the thus obtained shaped cohesive mass.--

62 [Add new claim 71 as follows:]

~~71~~. (New) The method of claim ~~60~~ wherein the mixture consists essentially of fibers or fiber bundles having fiber lengths or fiber bundle lengths within the range of 0.24 to 4.32 mm, water and starch.--